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SUBJECT: ANTARCTIC: POLISH CONSULTATIVE STATUS

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- 1. FOR LONDON: PLEASE INFORM HEAP THAT DEPARTMENT BELIEVES POLAND'S ACTIVITIES IN ANTARCTICA SATISFY TREATY CRITERIA FOR CONSULTATIVE STATUS AND SUPPORTS POLAND'S PARTICIPATION IN MEETING IN PRINCIPLE. HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT HAS SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT PROCEDURES PLANNED PY HEAP. WE WILL WISH DISCUSS THIS WITH HEAP SUNDAY OR MONDAY. DEPT DOES NOT WISH TO INTERPOSE PROCEDURAL OBSTACLES TO POLAND'S PARTICIPATION AND WILL NOT DO SO, BUT IS CONCERNED THAT PRECEDENT SET BY POLAND'S ADMISSION AS FIRST NEW CONSULTATIVE PARTY SINCE 1959 BE VIABLE IN FUTURE FOR THOSE CLAIMING SIMILAR STATUS.
- 2. FOR WARSAW: PLEASE INFORM FONMIN THAT USG BELIEVES POLAND'S CLAIM TO CONSULTATIVE STATUS UNDER ANTARCTIC TREATY IS SOUND AND HAS OUR SUPPORT. EMBASSY MAY IN THIS CONNECTION INFORM POLES THAT U.S. TOOK INITIATIVE IN ALERTING CONSULTATIVE PARTIES TO POSSIBLE POLISH ASSERTION OF CONSULTATIVE STATUS. HOWEVER, EMBOFF SHOULD POINT OUT THAT WE SHOULD BE CAREFUL IN RESPECT OF THE PROCEDURES EMPLOYED TO CONSTITUTE CONSULTATIVE STATUS SO THAT PRECEDENT SET BY POLISH CASE IS VIABLE FOR OTHERS IN THE FUTURE. WE EXPECT POLAND SHOULD SHARE THE SAME CONCERN.
- 3. FOR INFO ADDRESSEES: IF ASKED BY HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FOR U.S. ATTITUDE, YOU MAY RELAY INFO AS IN PARA ONE ABOVE, OMITTING HOWEVER FACT WE PLAN DISCUSS WITH HEAP
- 4. FOR USUN: IF NONTREATY MISOFFS INQUIRE, YOU MAY INLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DICATE MATTER IS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE TREATY NATIONS AND THAT THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE POLAND WILL GAIN CONSULTATIVE STATUS THIS YEAR. LEAVE IMPRESSION THAT ANTARCTIC TREATY IS NOT RPT NOT A CLOSED CLUB. VANCE

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